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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HONDURAS-SALVADOR DISPUTE

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1495

1. JOSE LUIS BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO WAS FORMALLY INSTALLED
HERE ON APRIL 3 AS THE MEDIATOR OF THIS DISPUTE IN A
SOLEMN CEREMONY GRACED BY THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS MARTINEZ AND PALMA AND BY CONSIDERABLE
ORATORY ABOUT PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.

2. BUSTAMANTE TOLD ME LATER AT A SOCIAL AFFAIR THAT
THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS WILL BE THE SUBMISSION
TO HIM WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A JOINT DOCUMENT FROM THE
TWO SIDES SETTING FORTH ALL THE POINTS OF PRIOR AGREE-
MENT. WITHIN 30 DAYS THEREAFTER THE TWO SIDES WILL
SUBMIT A SECOND DOCUMENT COVERING ALL THE ISSUES IN DIS-
PUTE BUSTAMANTE SAID HE PLANNED TO VISIT THE TWO
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COUNTRIES AND THEIR FRONTIER AT A LATER TIME "WHEN IT IS
NOT TOO HOT".

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION CESAR BATRES REMARKED
THAT THE WORKING OUT OF THE FIRST DOCUMENT COULD BE
SIGNIFICANT IN INDICATING HOW WELL DISPOSED THE GOES IS
TOWARD GETTING ON TO A REAL SOLUTION. HE THOUGHT ACCEP-

TANCE ON THAT SIDE WITHOUT AUGMENT OF THE 70 PERCENT OR SO OF THE BORDER DEMARCATION OT HERETOFORE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION WOULD BE ENCOURAGING. BATRES ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EL SALVADOR'S UNSTABLE INTERNAL SITUATION WOULD AGAIN PROVE AN IMPEDIMENT.

4. COMMENT: BUSTAMANTE SEEMS WELL CAST IN MOST RESPECTS FOR HIS DIFFICULT ROLE. HE HAS VAST EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, A REPUTATION FOR INTEGRITY AND UNQUESTIONED IMPARTIALITY. HE IS A PARTICULARLY AMIABLE SOFT-SPOKEN OLD GENTLEMAN (IN MARKED CONTRAST TO HIS EQUALLY DISTINGUSIHED BUT NOTABLEY IRASCIBLE CONTEMPORARIES, HAYA DE LA TORRE AND PEDRO BELTRAN). HE GIVES EVERY EVIDENCE OF UNFAILING LUCIDITY AND INTELLIGENCE. BUT I HAVE TO WONDER IF THE EX-PRESIDENT HAS THE TOUGHNESS AND ENERGY THAT MAY WELL BE REQUIRED TO FORCE THROUGH THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY FOR A SOLUTION.
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